

CLAIMS

1. The use of selamectin, or a derivative thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and prevention of parasite infestations in and on a young animal, said medicament being administered to the female parent of the young animal over a period commencing before, and ending after, parturition.
2. The use of claim 1 wherein the animal is a cat or dog.
3. The use of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the parasites controlled are roundworm, hookworm, mites, lice or fleas.
4. The use of any of claims 1 to 3 wherein 6 mg/kg of selamectin is dosed topically to the female parent at time points 6 weeks and 2 weeks *pre-partum* and 2 weeks and 6 weeks *post-partum*.
5. A method of treating and preventing parasite infestations in and on a young animal, which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of selamectin, or a derivative thereof, to the female parent of that animal over a period commencing before, and ending after, parturition.
6. The method of claim 5 wherein the animal is a cat or dog.
7. The method of claim 5 or claim 6 wherein the parasites controlled are roundworm, hookworm, mites, lice or fleas.
8. The method of any of claims 5 to 7 wherein 6 mg/kg of selamectin is dosed topically to the female parent at time points 6 weeks and 2 weeks *pre-partum* and 2 weeks and 6 weeks *post-partum*.